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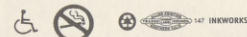
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FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
Wed. - Sat. 1 - 6pm
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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Wed. - Fri. 10am - 2pm & 5:30pm - 9:30pm
Sat. & Sun. 9am - 9:30pm
Phone/fax (510) 841-3800



* Indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that tarjetas (La Peña discount cards) are not valid. Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible. La Peña is a member of the Latino Arts Network of California.

Two-Month Calendar
See back for February



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La Peña Calendar of Events • January • 2007

(FEBRUARY 07 ON THE BACK)

Los Amiguitos de La Peña
Family Shows
\$4 adults \$3 kids 10:30am
Sat., Jan. 6:
Start your New Year with song and laughter! Join the Bay Area's star of family music, **Gary Lapow**.
Sat., Jan. 13:
Using his voice, guitar and steel drums, **Asheba** is an engaging musical storyteller who brings Trinidad's musical and folkloric oral traditions.
Sat., Jan. 20:
Colibri celebrates the release of their new CD, *Papaláapan / River of Butterflies*, featuring lively songs from Latin America.
Sat., Jan. 27: **María Fernanda Acuña & Melissa Rivera**. Join *Viva el Español's* music teachers for an interactive musical tour across Latin America all in Spanish! We'll lead your children to move to the Latin beat and have them join in to play instruments of all sorts.



Salvadora Galan 1/5



SUNDAY

7 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM
Goyamoon
is a multicultural group from the Bay Area. We make our own blend of beautiful, original and magical songs from Brazil, Argentina, the United States and El Salvador.
8pm \$10

14 CONCERT
Richter Scales & Roshambo
A capella night with The Richter Scales, a 16 member group is influenced by the Bobs and the Hi-Los use of vocal percussion, i.e. beat boxing. Followed by Roshambo, considered to be one of the best jazz a cappella groups in Northern California.
7:30pm \$10 gen. \$8 students

21 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM
Steve Taylor-Ramirez Meli Rivera, Silvia Parra
A concert dedicated to the Women Victims of Violence in Latin America. Singer & composer Meli Rivera presents original acoustic Latin alternative songs. Silvia Parra (Mamacoa!) utilizes music and performance art. Steve Taylor-Ramirez offers edgy original folk & blues.
7:30pm \$12 gen. \$10 students

28 CONCERT
The Chris Chandler & David Roe Show,
plus singing CIA Agent **George Shrub**
Award winning multimedia storytelling and raucous repertoire of radical music. Shrub intervenes with the latest & Dave Lippman slides in new audiovisuals.
7:30pm \$10 gen. \$8 students

La Peña Cultural Center is available for rent
Priority is given to non-profit organizations
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FOR CLASSES SCHEDULES VISIT WWW.LAPENA.ORG



WEDNESDAY
3 CAFEVALPARAISO OPEN
Feliz Año Nuevo!
La Peña Cultural Center wishes our supporters the best for 2007. With your support, we will continue our work for peace and justice through the arts!
Donate to our winter fund drive now!

10 CAFEVALPARAISO OPEN
A NEW SESSION OF FREE & LOW COST CLASSES
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17 CAFE POETRY & OPEN MIC
Richard Moore AKA Paradise
Freejahlove Supreme, returns to La Peña! Paradise is the President of the International Black Writers & Artists Inc. Local #5, in Oakland. He started the Bay Area Black Poetry Movement with Afrometropolitan Poetry Series. Poet of *A Thousand Poems* and dozens of books, Paradise has 4 CDs.
7:30pm donation

24 FLAMENCO FILM
The Bay Area Flamenco Partnership presents **FLAMENCO FILM & DISCUSSION**
Footage from the legendary **Rito y Geografía del Cante**
A series made for Spanish Television in the 1970s. Each clip will be followed by discussion and questions from the audience.
7pm \$10

31 SOLIDARITY EVENT
A Report from Chiapas on the **Zapatista International New Years in Oventik** Music, Video, & Speakers.
7:30pm \$5-\$10 sliding scale*
A benefit for Zapatista health care. Sponsored by Chiapas Support Committee. For more info: 510-654-9587 or enapoyo1994@yahoo.com

THURSDAY
4 CONCERT
The Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble of S. F.
Join the hottest young Latin jazz musicians in Northern California in a performance benefiting La Peña. Members of the current ensemble, some attending prestigious music colleges & playing professionally, will perform. John Calloway, a Latin jazz flutist, arranger and educator is the music director.
8pm \$10

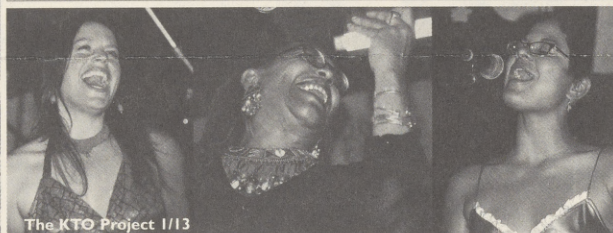
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18 BENEFIT
LEFT TURN MAGAZINE PRESENTS Mexico and Lebanon: Groundswells of Resistance
An informative and spirited discussion about insurgent Mexico and Lebanon and celebration of the release of Left Turn Magazine issue #23. For more info: bayarea@leftturn.org
7pm \$5-\$25 donation*

25 CONCERT
La Peña Latin Jazz Ensemble
directed by Josh Jones & **The Lab: Live Hip Hop Ensemble**
dir. by Brutha "Los" and Raul Perales
Enjoy an evening of great salsa and Latin Jazz with this orchestra and original material with La Peña's live hip hop ensemble.
7:30pm \$8

EXPOSICIONES / LA PEÑA EXHIBITS JAN- FEB 2007
Lobby: January 4 through February 26, 2007. Photographs by **Kamau Amen-Ra**. "Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win". Photographic images from a march in San Francisco that ended up closing down the Bay Bridge.
Theater: January 4 - February 26, 2007. "Following Her Own Muse". Quilts and original paintings by **Deborah Muse**. Reception January 13, 4-6pm with music by **The Jazz Express**.
Cafe: To be announced. See Web site www.lapena.org for update.

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Your tax-deductible donations support La Peña's programs that bring people together to work for peace and social justice through the arts.



FRIDAY
5 CONCERT
Salvadora Galan
Ancient Spanish Popular Songs with
At the age of 13, Salvadora Galan of Olvera, Spain, won a flamenco singing competition in Utrera. At 17 she started as a professional performer singing in Spain and Portugal. In recent years Salvadora Galan has performed in the U.S. and Mexico and currently resides in El Paso, TX.
8pm \$12

12 VIDEO & DANCE
World Premiere Video of Improvising Jerez Style
Directed by Eve Ma, shot in Spain. A video on flamenco w/performance, interview, and instructional footage. Live Performances with **Rompe y Raja** (Afro Peruvian) **Eva Ma** (Flamenco) **Grupo Folklorico Talpalli** (Mexican) Screening of video **Arts that Cross Borders** about Latin American art.
8pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.

19 CONCERT
Chelle! & Friends
"Sweetbread" CD release celebration with artistic director & founder Michelle Jacques, Rhonda Crane, Jay Lamont and Bryan Dyer. With Debbie Fier on percussion and Sam Bevan on funky bass. CHELLE! & Friends will take you on a musical ride that you won't forget!
8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

26 DANCING
Rumbaché
(formerly Quimbombó)
Come dance to one of the hottest Bay Area salsa bands! Rumbaché interprets classic and contemporary Cuban music, but tonight you can also hear them performing their own hard hitting original music.
9pm \$10

27 María & Melissa 10:30AM
¡LoCura!
Original music for the Heart & Soul. Drawing on influences from Spain, Cuba, Jamaica & California, this trio fuses grooves & melodies from Reggae, Cuban Son, Flamenco, & North American folk. The **¡LoCura!** sound weaves together Reggae & Flamenco, creating a flavor we like to call 'reggalicious flamenkito'.
9pm \$10 gen. \$7 students

SATURDAY
6 GARY LAPOW 10:30AM
Cuba & Latin America Adelante
Interview with author and filmmaker **Saul Landau** by Casa Cuba's **Karen Lee Wald**, author of "Children of Che". Landau's latest book, "A Bush & Botox World" is due this month. His latest film "We Don't Play that Sport Here" recently premiered in the Havana film Festival. Poetry with SF's Poet Laureate Jack Hirschman & Dottie Payne. Benefit for Casa Cuba. For more info: casacuba@california.com
7:30pm \$7-\$10 sliding scale*

13 ASHEBA 10:30AM
The KTO Project
Lead by Kelly Takunda Orphan, the Project is a dynamic, danceable world music ensemble, whose infectious beats come from a seasoned lineup of musicians: Victor Little, Dezson Clairbourne, Bob Crawford, Tru, Donna Viscuso, Michelle Jacques, & Amber Hines.
8pm \$15
Art Exhibit Reception in the Cafe from 4 - 6pm

20 COLIBRI 10:30AM
Upground
offers a fresh new musical blend of Latin reggae, ska, cumbia and funk - which they define as LATIN SKA. A variation of many sounds, sure to appeal to all. Danceable, Skankable, and highly enjoyable. Wonderful combinations that will make you move and leave you wanting more!
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Martin Luther King Jr.



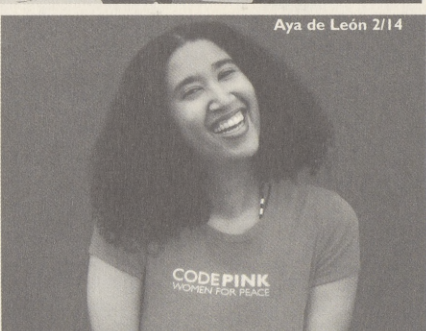
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Aya de León 2/14



De Rompe y Raja 2/17



Ray Ricky Rivera 2/22



Karabali's Michael Spiro & Karl Perazzo 2/24

SUNDAY

4 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM
 Slide show, Andean music w/Los Mapaches & delegation to Bolivia reportback

A coca farmer president & gas nationalization?

Come & find out about the major political and cultural changes afoot in the heart of the Andes. A benefit for Marin Interfaith Task Force on the Americas & Los Mapaches' upcoming musical exchange trip to the Andes.

7pm \$5-\$10 donation*

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18 CAFE RUMBA

Café Rumba

Community participatory event. The Afro-Cuban folkloric drums, dances, and songs of rumba. Rumba is the word used for a group of related, community-oriented, musical and dance styles in Cuba. Rumba developed in rural Cuba, with strong influences from African drumming and Spanish poetry and singing.

3:30 - 6pm in Café lobby

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WEDNESDAY

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Advance Sale Tickets Information

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14 12TH ANNUAL

Love Fest 2007

An alternative Valentine's in spoken word & music celebrating love of self, of spirit, of family & community, of peace, of democracy! Hosted by **Aya de León** featuring music by **Sparlha Swa** from NY, **The Urban Folk Project**, **Theresa Perez**, **Anna de León**. Spoken word/performance by **Micia Mosely**, **Elz Cuya**, **Terry Taplin**. Music spun by **Q-Bug**.

8pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.

21 PARADISE POETRY @ 7:30PM

in Café lobby

La Peña Wish List

- carpentry skills
 - bass amp
 - digital camcorder
- Please call Paul at (510) 849-2568 ext. 17

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THURSDAY

1 REPORTBACK

Reportback from Palestine

Palestinian-Americans, Mona and David Halaby, spent an extended time in Jerusalem in the fall of 2006. They will show photos and tell stories about the present situation in Jerusalem and the West Bank. Sponsored by M.E.C.A.

For more info: events@mecaforpeace.org
 7pm \$10-\$20 sliding scale*

FRIDAY

2 DANCE

Join Grupo Cacique y Kongo

for a night of Afro-Puerto Rican music and dance. We will celebrate and honor the contributions of our ancestors through musical traditions of Bomba y Plena.

8pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.

SATURDAY

3 DERIQUE 10:30AM

Pellejo Seco

Contemporary Cuban Son, playing music from their debut CD, *Enganchate*, and new material. Featuring Ivan Cambor, Marco Diaz, Livan Montoya, Osvaldo Carvajal, Hector Lugo, and Rogelio Maya.

9:30pm \$12

9 DANCE/BAILE

Orquesta La Moderna Tradición

A night of swinging Cuban charanga music, featuring songs from their latest CD, the critically-acclaimed *En Canto* (available at the show), as well as some brand-new material. The new LMT is grooving harder than ever.

9pm \$12 adv. \$14 dr.

10 Uncle Eye 10:30AM

Alúna

Traditional Colombian music. Dance to the rhythms of this exciting Bay Area ensemble. Alúna's style includes rhythms such as Cumbia, Puya, and Mapalé. Their traditional & modern styles are influenced by artists such as Totó la Momposina & Carlos Vives. Aluna's instruments were handmade in San Jacinto and Cartagena, Colombia, by native artisans & musicians.

8:30pm \$12

16 POETRY

Youth Speaks' 11th Teen Poetry Slam

Preliminary Round.

This program is one part of a month long Spoken Word festival leading up to the Semi Finals and then to the Grand Slams Finals at the Masonic Auditorium.

7pm \$5 gen. \$3 students

17 Jerry Kennedy 10:30AM

De Rompe y Raja

De Rompe y Raja Afro-Peruvian cultural association present the relationship between flamenco, Afro-Peruvian music & son jarocho. Featuring Afro Peruvian dancers **Nestor Ruiz**, **Lalo Izquierdo**, **Marina La Valle**. Plus flamenco dancers & musicians, and Mexican jarocho dancers and musicians, & Bay Area Poets.

8:30pm \$15

23 DANCE

La Muñeca y Los Muertos

Blend one part ska with one part punk, add a Latina twist and a splash of eye candy, and you have got yourself the tasty alternative cocktail otherwise known as *La Muñeca y Los Muertos*. Vocalist Muñeca Osorio leads the groove, along with Bay Area denizens David Simon, Kristin Lo Bianco, Nick Lee, Anthony Chavez, & Matt Cohen. An energetic show with original music.

9pm \$10

24 Abby & The Pipsqueaks 10:30am

Conjunto Karabali

A new Bay Area salsa band led by Michael Spiro & Karl Perazzo, playing hard hitting salsa, the style of music made popular by NY's Johnny Pacheco and *Conjunto Libre* from the 1970s & 80s. The band features Michael Spiro, Karl Perazzo, Edgardo Cambron, Jeff Cressman, Marty Weiner, Bill Ortiz, Miguel Martinez, Bob Karty, & Steve Senft-Herrera.

9:30pm \$12

Los Amiguitos de La Peña Family Shows

\$4 adults \$3 kids - 10:30am

Sat., Feb. 3: Derique, the high tech clown in a dynamic performance.

Sat., Feb. 10: Uncle Eye & the Strange Change Machine, a mad cap musical morning for children of all ages.

Sat., Feb. 17: Jerry Kennedy, aka J-soul, brings his fun high energy kids show for fun interactive sing-alongs.

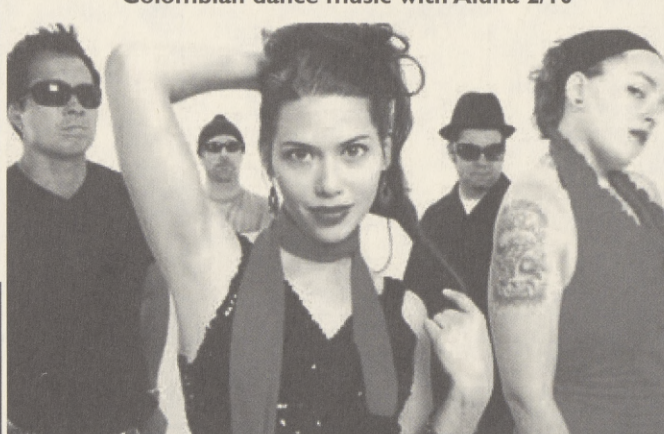
Sat., Feb. 24: Come sing and dance with Abby and the Pipsqueaks. Award winning songs fit for the whole family.



Cacique y Kongo 2/2



Colombian dance music with Alúna 2/10



La Muñeca y los Muertos 2/23

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- ☐ \$50 Malvina Reynolds - receive 1 Free Ticket to any La Peña event
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